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This Washington Post - ABT-SRBI poll was conducted by telephone Sept. 19-22, 2013, among a random sample of 1,003 adults in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including users of both conventional and cellular phones. The error margin is 4.5 percentage points for the sample of 812 registered voters and five points for the sample of 562 likely gubernatorial election voters. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by Abt-SRBI of New York.

*= less than 0.5 percent
RV=Registered voters
LV=Likely voters

For additional detail on the poll's methodology, e-mail polls@washpost.com.

1. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) I'd like you to rate the chances that you will vote in the November governor's election: Are you absolutely certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or less than that?

		Certain to vote	Probably vote	Chances 50/50	Less than that	Don't think will vote (vol.)	Already voted (vol.)	No op.
9/22/13	RV	60	19	12	8	1	0	*
5/2/13	RV	67	15	11	6	1	0	*
10/25/09	RV	60	16	13	6	2	1	1
10/7/09	RV	53	20	15	9	3	*	1
9/17/09	RV	53	19	16	9	3		1
8/14/09	RV	61	16	13	7	2		*
9/9/05	RV	68	18	9	4	1		0
10/25/01	RV	63	19	10	5	2		1
8/23/01	RV	68	16	10	5	1		*
8/27/00	RV	76	14	7	2	1		*

2. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely are you following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia: very closely, somewhat closely, not so closely, or not closely at all?

		---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No opinion
		NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	
9/22/13	RV	68	25	44	31	19	12	*
5/2/13	RV	48	10	38	52	27	25	*
10/25/09	LV	89	39	50	11	9	2	*
10/7/09	LV	87	33	54	13	11	2	*
9/17/09	LV	84	34	51	15	12	4	*
8/14/09	LV	67	25	42	32	23	9	1
8/14/09	RV	48	17	32	51	30	21	*
10/26/05	LV	87	31	56	13	10	2	*
9/9/05	LV	73	20	53	27	20	7	*
9/9/05	RV	59	15	44	41	26	15	*
8/23/01	RV	60	16	44	39	26	13	1
8/27/00	RV	61	21	40	38	25	13	*
6/23/94	RV	74	27	47	27	18	9	*
2/3/94		73	27	46	27	18	9	*
9/93	RV	68	21	47	31	21	10	*

*2009 and earlier: Would you say you are following this year's governor's race in the state of Virginia very closely, fairly closely, not too closely, or not closely at all?

3. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) If the election were being held today and the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat) and (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/13	LV	49	44	1	4	0	2
5/2/13	LV	41	51	*	4	0	3
9/22/13	RV	47	38	1	10	1	3
5/2/13	RV	41	46	*	6	2	5

4. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Will you definitely vote for (MCAULIFFE/CUCCINELLI), or is there a chance you could change your mind and vote for someone else? (IF CHANCE CHANGE MIND) Would you say (there's a GOOD CHANCE) you'll change your mind, or would you say (it's PRETTY UNLIKELY)?

		Definitely vote for	-Chance NET	change mind - Good	Unlikely	No opinion
McAuliffe:						
9/22/13	RV	60	34	11	23	5
5/2/13	RV	63	34	11	23	3
Cuccinelli:						
9/22/13	RV	67	28	10	18	5
5/2/13	RV	56	40	17	23	4

5. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Would you say you are very enthusiastic about supporting (McAuliffe/Cuccinelli), somewhat enthusiastic, not so enthusiastic, or not enthusiastic at all?

		---- Enthusiastic ---			---- Not enthusiastic ---			No
		NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
McAuliffe:								
9/22/13	RV	68	14	54	31	18	13	1
5/2/13	RV	70	16	54	28	19	9	2
Cuccinelli:								
9/22/13	RV	76	24	52	22	15	8	2
5/2/13	RV	73	15	58	25	19	5	2

6. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How about if the candidates were (Terry McAuliffe, the Democrat), (Ken Cuccinelli, the Republican), and (Robert Sarvis running as a Libertarian) for whom would you vote? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

		McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Sarvis	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opin.
9/22/13	LV	47	39	10	0	1	0	2
9/22/13	RV	44	34	11	*	5	1	4

7. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Thinking ahead to that election, what is the single most important issue in your choice for governor? (SINGLE RECORD, DO NOT READ)

	9/22/13	5/2/13	9/17/09	8/14/09
	RV	RV	LV	RV
Economy/jobs/unemployment	29	45	27	28
Ethics/honesty/				

corruption in government	8	3	4	3
Education	7	6	10	8
Taxes	5	4	9	8
Health care/Health reform	4	2	9	8
Women's issues/Women's health	4	2	1	0
Abortion	3	1	2	2
Transportation/traffic/ roads and transit	3	3	7	7
Political party/party affiliation	3	2	5	3
Government/Growth of government/ government spending	2	1	1	1
State budget/deficit	2	1	5	5
Guns/Gun control	1	3	1	1
Gay marriage	1	1	*	*
Environment/global warming	1	*	1	1
Energy issues/gas prices/cap & trade	*	1	1	*
Immigration/illegal immigration	*	1	*	*
Crime	*	*	*	*
Gas/oil prices	*	*	0	0
Obama/Barack Obama	*	*	1	*
Terrorism/national security	*	*	0	0
Housing/mortgages/affordable housing	0	*	*	1
Other (SPECIFY)	10	9	3	6
DK/No opinion	14	12	6	14

8. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As it stands now, how much do you know about [INSERT NAME] and his qualifications to be governor: Do you know a lot about [INSERT NAME], a fair amount, just a little, or nothing at all?

	--- Lot/Fair Amt ---			-----Little/None-----			
	NET	A lot	A fair amount	NET	Just a little	Nothing at all	No opinion
a. McAuliffe							
9/22/13 RV	48	11	37	51	31	20	*
5/2/13 RV	30	6	23	70	36	33	1
b. Cuccinelli							
9/22/13 RV	56	17	39	44	28	16	*
5/2/13 RV	47	12	35	52	29	24	1

Trend for comparison:

Deeds:							
10/7/09 LV	67	13	55	32	28	5	*
8/14/09 RV	37	6	31	62	39	23	*
McDonnell:							
10/7/09 LV	73	16	56	27	23	4	*
8/14/09 RV	37	7	30	62	38	25	*

9. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, whom do you trust to do a better job handling [ITEM] - (McAuliffe) or (Cuccinelli)?

9/22/13 - Summary table*

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. Issues of special concern to women	48	25	1	10	17
b. Abortion	43	31	1	10	15
c. Transportation	35	35	2	9	20
d. Energy and the environment	41	32	1	9	17
e. The economy and jobs	39	39	1	9	12

f. Taxes	39	37	2	9	13
g. Health care	43	35	1	8	13

*Item a asked full sample, items b-d half sample, e-f other half sample.

10. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, do you think (McAuliffe) or (Cuccinelli) [ITEM]

9/22/13 - Summary table

	McAuliffe	Cuccinelli	Both (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	No op.
a. would be a more effective leader	38	37	2	9	14
b. better understands the economic problems people in Virginia are having	35	35	3	12	15
c. is more honest and trustworthy	34	28	3	19	15
d. more closely shares your values	40	36	2	10	11

11. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Will one reason for your vote for governor be to express (support for) President Obama, to express (opposition to) Obama, or is Obama not a factor in your choice?

	Support	Opposition	Obama not a factor	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	15	19	65	1
10/25/09 LV	14	15	70	*

12. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Regardless of how you may vote, do you have a favorable or an unfavorable impression of (NAME)? Do you feel that way STRONGLY or SOMEWHAT?

a. Terry McAuliffe

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/13 RV	48	11	37	36	19	17	16
5/2/12 RV	21	4	17	22	16	6	57

b. Ken Cuccinelli

	----- Favorable -----			----- Unfavorable -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/13 RV	40	12	27	47	20	28	13
5/2/12 RV	35	13	22	31	14	17	33
10/7/09 LV	51	NA	NA	16	NA	NA	33

13. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Overall, do you think (NAME)'s views on most issues are (too liberal for you), (too conservative for you), or just about right?

9/22/13 - Summary table

	Too liberal	Too conservative	Just about right	No opinion
a. Terry McAuliffe	34	5	44	17
b. Ken Cuccinelli	8	40	36	16

14. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) On another topic, as you may know, the candidates in November's election for Lieutenant Governor include (Ralph Northam, the Democrat) and (E.W. Jackson, the Republican). If that election were being held today would you vote for (Northam, the Democrat) or (Jackson, the Republican)? Which one are you leaning

toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

	Northam	Jackson	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/13 LV	45	42	*	7	1	6
9/22/13 RV	42	36	*	12	1	9

15. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As you may know, the candidates in November's election for Attorney General include (Mark Herring, the Democrat) and (Mark Obenshain, the Republican)? If that election were being held today would you vote for (Herring, the Democrat) or (Obenshain, the Republican)? Which one are you leaning toward right now?

NET LEANED VOTE:

	Herring	Obenshain	Other (vol.)	Neither (vol.)	Would not vote (vol.)	No opinion
9/22/13 LV	45	42	*	5	1	8
9/22/13 RV	42	40	*	8	1	9

Changing topics,

16. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Bob McDonnell is handling his job as governor?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/22/13 RV	49	13	36	39	22	17	11
5/2/13 RV	64	19	44	27	14	13	9
9/16/12 RV	58	24	34	27	13	14	15
5/2/12 RV	58	18	40	36	19	16	7
5/4/11 RV	64	23	41	26	12	13	11

17. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as president?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
9/22/13 RV	48	25	23	49	12	38	3
5/2/13 RV	52	27	25	45	11	35	3
10/26/12 RV	53	35	18	46	8	37	2
9/16/12 RV	53	32	21	46	9	37	1
5/2/12 RV	50	32	18	47	13	34	2
5/4/11 RV	52	30	22	44	12	32	4
10/25/09 RV	57	37	20	40	12	28	3
10/7/09 RV	58	37	21	39	11	28	3
9/17/09 LV	53	38	15	47	11	36	1
8/14/09 RV	57	39	17	41	11	31	2

18. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Please tell me if the following applies to [ITEM]- He has high personal moral and ethical standards?

	----- Yes -----			----- No -----			No opinion
	NET	Strngly	Smwht	NET	Smwht	Strngly	
a. Terry McAuliffe							
9/22/13 RV	45	13	32	30	16	15	25
5/2/13 RV	45	11	34	14	8	6	41
b. Ken Cuccinelli							
9/22/13 RV	47	18	28	35	16	19	18
5/2/13 RV	54	20	34	19	8	11	28

c. Bob McDonnell

9/22/13 RV	47	14	34	35	17	19	17
5/2/13 RV	61	25	36	17	9	8	22

19. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Current Virginia law allows elected officials to accept personal gifts as long as they report those worth more than \$50 at the end of each year. They are not required to disclose gifts given to their immediate family members. Would you support or oppose changing Virginia law to (ITEM)?

a. require elected officials to report gifts over \$500 within 10 days

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	79	18	3

b. require elected officials to report gifts given to immediate family members

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	76	21	3

c. ban personal gifts of more than \$100 to elected officials

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	59	36	5

20. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) How closely, if at all, have you been following news about [INSERT] very closely, somewhat closely, not-so-closely or not closely at all? How about [NEXT ITEM]?

a. gifts and other political contributions from Star Scientific, a Virginia company, to state lawmakers

	---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
9/22/13 RV	53	15	39	46	16	31	*
5/2/13 RV	36	10	26	63	22	41	1

b. Terry McAuliffe's leadership of the GreenTech car company while it had business troubles

	---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
9/22/13 RV	42	9	33	57	20	37	1

c. Attorney general Ken Cuccinelli's office providing legal guidance to energy companies in a lawsuit with Virginia landowners over natural gas royalties

	---- Closely ----			---- Not closely ----			No
	NET	Very	Smwt.	NET	Not so	At all	opinion
9/22/13 RV	49	14	35	51	21	30	*

21. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) While McAuliffe was chairman of GreenTech, the car company fell far short of goals on creating jobs and building cars and is now under federal investigation. In thinking about your vote for governor, does McAuliffe's work with GreenTech make you (more likely) to support him, (less likely) or won't it affect your vote one way or the other.

More likely	Less likely	Wouldn't	No
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	to support	to support	effect vote	opinion
9/22/13 RV	4	40	53	3

22. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) While serving as Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli received unreported gifts from the CEO of Star Scientific. He was cleared in a state investigation and has donated \$18,000 to charity to make up for the gifts. In thinking about your vote for governor, does Cuccinelli's dealings with Star Scientific make you (more likely) to support him, (less likely) or won't it affect your vote one way or the other.

	More likely to support	Less likely to support	Wouldn't effect vote	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	8	31	58	3

23. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) As you may know, Governor McDonnell's family and a small corporation he owns received over \$100,000 in unreported personal gifts and loans from the CEO of a company that was also seeking access to state government. After they became public, McDonnell apologized and returned most of the gifts and repaid the loans. Do you approve or disapprove of McDonnell's overall handling of this situation?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
9/22/13 RV	46	15	31	51	15	36	3

24. (AMONG REGISTERED VOTERS) Considering everything, do you think Bob McDonnell should step down as the Governor of Virginia, or not?

	Should step down	Should not step down	No opinion
9/22/13 RV	26	67	8

Party ID Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No op.
9/22/13	33	24	33	6	5
9/22/13 RV	33	26	34	6	1
9/22/13 LV	33	26	34	6	*
5/2/13	28	26	33	8	4
5/2/13 RV	30	26	33	8	3
5/2/13 LV	30	28	34	8	*
10/26/12	31	23	36	6	3
9/16/12	32	24	35	5	4
5/2/12	31	25	36	5	2
5/4/11	31	22	36	7	4
10/25/09	33	24	34	6	2
10/7/09	33	25	34	6	2
9/17/09	33	25	33	7	2
8/14/09	31	28	37	3	1
10/25/08	35	26	31	6	1
9/21/08	33	24	34	7	2
10/8/07	30	27	38	4	1
6/3/07	34	27	28	4	6
10/12/06 LV	33	32	32	3	*
10/26/05 LV	33	37	26	3	1
9/9/05 RV	32	34	29	4	*
10/25/01 LV	31	37	26	5	1
8/23/01 RV	32	33	29	5	1
10/26/00 LV	33	32	28	6	1

8/27/00	RV	29	34	32	5	1
10/21/97	LV	31	32	31	5	1
9/16/97	RV	28	31	35	4	1
6/23/94		29	29	32	8	2
9/28/93	RV	30	30	35	4	1
11/2/89	LV	33	32	31	3	1

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